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Salvadoran Ambassador Funes spoke today of the extraordinary means being used by Guatemalan authorities to obtain cooperation of El Salvador in bringing present difficulties to end. He said that yesterday President Arbenz took unheard of step of calling him personally on telephone to express regret censors had not passed for publication photograph of Lempa River Dam given out by Salvadoran Embassy. Arbenz said papers had now been ordered to carry picture. He also apologized because Funes had been stopped by police on entering his own chancery and offered to send detachment of soldiers to replace police guard. Funes said he had replied that it was up to government to determine suitable protective measures.

Funes added Arbenz had renewed his plea that President Osorio mediate dispute between Honduras and Guatemala. He believes Arbenz fears that if Honduras and Guatemala become engaged in hostilities, Salvador would aid Honduras; Funes said Arbenz fear was well justified.

Arbenz' unusual efforts to conciliate Salvadorans belies tone of assured victory in official communiques.

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